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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH: Acting Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Okinawa Bureau--September 1981

I. GENERAL

[] Chief, Operations Group, FBIS, visited the Bureau 30 September to 4 October. Most of his discussions centered around the ROSET operation and the technical, staffing, and coverage aspects thereof; it was noted that the ultimate coverage breakdown--if everything develops as planned (and hoped)--will have London Bureau covering the Russian facsimile transmissions and Okinawa covering the television, with each backing up the other.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. In coordination with Headquarters and London Bureau, Okinawa during the month sought to determine the repeat pattern in VREMYA programming on Moscow domestic television and to identify the casts most suitable for coverage. As a result

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of the project, much of which was done by Russian monitor [] it appears that the two basic shows are those broadcast at 1400 and 1800 GMT. A spinoff of the survey was a bureau FYI on a report shown on VREMYA of Soviet troops returning from the "Zapad-81" maneuvers near Poland; the television report carried shots of Soviet tanks bearing white markings on their tops, markings similar to those which had appeared on Soviet vehicles during the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia.

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2. On 25 September Beijing Radio broadcast a 30-minute segment of the dance drama "Red Detachment of Women," one of the model theatrical works highly recommended by Jiang Qing. This was the first monitored appearance of the recommended model theatrical works since Jiang's downfall. The bureau filed an FYI on the item.

3. The bureau assumed coverage of Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO on 11 September. A subscription to the Shanghai paper WEN HUI BAO was scheduled to begin on 1 October.

4. On 21 September the bureau reinstituted the practice of proofreading all outgoing wirefiled copy except SATRAP material.

B. Communications

A communications cable to the bureau was cut by a construction crew on 12 September and service was not restored until nearly 72 hours later, on the 15th. During the outage, the bureau's altroute was affected.

C. Cruising

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Chinese monitor [] passed away in Taipei on 10 September after a lengthy illness. [] had been with the bureau since 1971.

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2. The 4 September surgery on Chinese monitor [] for removal of a tumor from his neck was apparently a success. Bill may be able to return to work at the end of October or early November.

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3. Chinese monitor [] retired on 29 September after some 30 years with FBIS in [] Okinawa. His retirement was fittingly marked by a dinner in a local restaurant attended by several members of the Chinese unit, the chief monitor, and the bureau chief and deputy chief. The bureau chief presented Hugo with a framed note of congratulations from Director, FBIS. 25X1
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4. Chinese monitor [] and associate editor [] were promoted to FNG-11 and Chinese monitor [] and Russian monitor [] were promoted to FNG-10. The promotions, effective 20 September, were presented by the Chief, Operations Group during his visit to the bureau. 25X1
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5. Processing, including the steps toward acquiring Japanese work visas, continues on the two new Russian monitorial candidates, []. We have received the results of their medical examinations. We anticipate having one or both on duty by the end of November or early in December. 25X1

6. The contract with [] one of the two commentary listers, has been renewed for a year. We anticipate that [] the other commentary lister, will sign a renewed contract after her return from Australia in October. 25X1
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7. [] wife of the deputy chief, arrived on delayed PCS on 30 September. [] accompanied by his wife, left on emergency leave in Mississippi on 16 September to be with his father who was undergoing surgery. His father died on 3 October. 25X1
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8. TDY editor [] arrived on 25 September and has begun the editorial training program under the tutelage of senior editor []. 25X1
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9. [] of FCS, who had spent the summer in Okinawa on TDY working with the Cruising Unit, departed on 2 September. Editor [] departed PCS on 4 September. 25X1
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10. The contract on bureau Tagalog monitor [] expired at the end of the month and was not renewed. 25X1

B. Buildings and Grounds

An inspector from the Kadena Air Base Civil Engineering Squadron visited Bolo Point during the month and indicated that the facilities were generally in good shape. He recommended some minor repairs and exterior painting of all the buildings. He will be ordering all the materials at no cost to the bureau.

IV. VISITS

1. Regional Engineer [] accompanied FEB Chief [] to Bangkok and Hong Kong Bureaus during the month. 25X1
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2. On 14 September, Col. Allan Stern of the Army Intelligence and Security Command at the Hawaii Intelligence Center visited the bureau. He was accompanied by Maj. Grevenkamp from Field Station Okinawa (Torii), who had arranged for the visit and briefing.

3. Capt. Joseph Kettinger, Commander, U.S. Naval Security Group (Hanza), and his Executive Officer Commander Fogerson visited the bureau for a briefing on 10 September.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. The East China Sea Rollers Bowling League was resurrected and began rolling on 16 September.

2. [redacted] wife of editor [redacted] has begun teaching once-a-week English classes in the housing area to interested MLC employees and TCN dependent wives. The turnout for the classes, which started on 16 September, has been good.

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Bureau Chief

Attachments:

Production Reports

cc: Chief, Bangkok
Chief, Hong Kong
Chief, Seoul

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